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Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

In the specification after page 42 insert pages 1-3 enclosed herewith.

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 5 with the following:

Figure 2 shows the predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) and signal sequence (SEQ ID NO:3) based on the nucleotide sequence provided in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), wherein the signal sequence is indicated as bolded.

On page 19, please replace the paragraph starting on line 3 with the following:

Basic BLASTN search (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST) of the non-redundant nucleic acid sequence database was conducted on September 12, 2001, with the *egl8* gene sequence presented in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), indicated that the only sequences producing significant

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